

**Maryland Historical Trust
Determination of Eligibility Form**

Property Name: Harewood Farm Inventory Number: M: 28-11-3
Address: 17600 Meetinghouse Road Historic District: Yes ☒ No
City: Sandy Spring Zip Code: 10860 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: MHT
Preparer's Name: Tim Tamburrino Date Prepared: 07/08/2011
Documentation Is Presented In: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility Recommended ☐ Eligibility Not Recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: Sandy Spring Meetinghouse Properties
Inventory Number: M: 28-11-09 Eligible: ☒ Yes Listed: ☐ Yes
Site Visit by MHT Staff: ☐ Yes ☐ No Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

Harewood Farm is a contributing resource to the National Register-eligible Sandy Spring Meetinghouse Properties. See DOE form for MIHP No. M: 28-11-09 for more information.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility Recommended: ☒ Eligibility Not Recommended: ☐
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
MHT Comments: CONTRIBUTES TO M: 28-11-09

Tim Tamburrino
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

7/8/2011
Date

7/13/11
Date

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Harewood Farm (Sandy Spring HD)

2. Planning Area/Site Number 28/11

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference
Map 17
L-14. Address 17600 Meeting House Road
Sandy Spring, MD

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingOwnership privatePublic Acquisition NAStatus occupiedAccessible noPresent use private residencePrevious Survey Recording MNCPPC Federal State x County x Local

(Title and date: 1976; Inventory of Historical Sites)

6. Date by 1792

7. Original Owner William and
Deborah Pleasants Stabler

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellentc. original siteb. altered

9. Description: This two and a half story five bay, frame house faces north. exterior walls are covered by white clapboards. The north porch has a shed roof with red raised seam metal covering and supported by four wooden chamfered posts. There are six-over-six double hung windows flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. On the south elevation there are two wings, east and west. The house has a gable roof covered by wooden shingles. East of the house, near the east porch, is a one story ivy-covered stone house, two bays by one bay which faces north. It has six-over-six double hung windows and its gable roof has wooden shingles.

10. Significance: Owned by influential, progressive Quakers, Deborah Stabler and her son, Edward, and later by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Harewood has been well cared for since it was first built in 1792. In 1751 James Brooke deeded the 392 acre tract (later named the Meeting House Tract) by his father-in-law, Richard Snowden. Brooke left the Meeting House Tract to his daughter, Elizabeth Pleasants, Elizabeth's daughter, Deborah Pleasants Stabler and her husband William Stabler inherited and moved to the property in 1793. They converted an old tobacco barn into the white frame dwelling house. When William died at age 39, Deborah taught school, becoming dean of girls at Fair Hill, the Friends boarding school. She was also a Quaker minister for 40 years. Deborah divided the Meeting House Tract into 3 parts: Harewood, Auburn, and Sandy Spring Farm and willed them to her 3 sons. Her eldest son, Edward, received Harewood and 109.5 acres and lived there from 1823-1883, raising 10 children. In addition to farming, Edward was the Sandy Spring postmaster for 53 years, with the post office located in his home. He was also a writer, gunsmith, inventor, engraver, and founder of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He introduced the use of Peruvian guano as a fertilizer in 1844. D. Acheson bought the house in 1925 from Stabler heirs, and used it as a summer retreat until his death in 1971.

11. Date researched/researcher
Martha Nesbitt 1/7913. Date Compiled
2/7914. Designation
Approval 12. Compiler
Gail Rothrock15. Acreage
20 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 28/11-3
Sandy Spring H.D.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Harewood Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

17600 Meeting House Road

CITY, TOWN

Sandy Spring

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Burton A. Johnson

Telephone #: 924-3723

STREET & NUMBER

17600 Meeting House Road

CITY, TOWN

Sandy Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20860

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, five bay frame house has grown much over the years since the late 18th century. It faces north.

Built on fieldstone foundations which have been reinforced by poured concrete, the exterior walls have been covered by white clapboarding. The north (front) porch has a shed roof with red raised seam metal covering supported by four wooden chamfered posts. The north door is wooden paneled. On the west elevation there is a modern two story porch which is screened in at the first level and enclosed by windows at the second level. This porch has a gable roof with wooden shingles. On the east elevation there is a one story porch with two vertical lattice screens which separate the north section of the porch from the south screened section. Five wooden chamfered posts support the porch's shed roof which is covered by wooden shingles. The east door is composed of vertical wooden boards and glass panels. On the south elevation between the east and west ells there is a two story porch which is screened at the second level and enclosed and screened at the first level. This porch has a low shed roof.

The six-over-six double hung windows are flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. At the east gable end there is one four-over-four double hung window. At the south gable end of the east wing, the second story, there are two paired eight light casement windows. At the peak of the south gables, east and west wings, there are ventilator louvers. There are three gabled dormers of six-over-six double hung windows on the north and south elevations. The west wing has two west-facing gabled dormers - one has a six-over-six double hung window and one has broad glass louvers. The east wing, on the east and west elevations, there are paired four light casement windows set into gabled dormers.

The gabled roof is covered by wooden shingles. There is one central interior chimney over the north (main) section of the house and two exterior chimneys on the west elevations of the east and west wings.

East of the house, just beside the east porch is a one story ivy covered stone house, two bays by one bay, which faces north. On the north elevation, a frame gabled hood is supported at the outer corners by two chamfered posts. There are three six-over-six double hung windows: one each on the north, east, and west elevations. The gable roof has wooden shingle covering. This house has been converted into a bathroom. Attached to the south of this stone house is a series of frame sheds with gable roofs also covered by wooden shingles. The exterior walls have both vertical and novelty siding: The north three bays are composed of two open round arches and one closed round arch with vertical siding; the south four bays have novelty siding. Southeast of the house is a three bay by three bay, one and a half story frame house. This has a gabled roof with wooden shingles and eight over eight and six over six double hung windows flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. The house faces west and has a frame gabled hood above the west (front) door.

Harewood is surrounded by a beautiful landscaped setting, of treed lawns, and to the southeast, cornfields.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

by 1792

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Owned by influential, progressive Quakers Deborah Stabler and her son, Edward, and later owned by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Harewood of Sandy Spring has been well cared for since 1788.

Quakers were among the earliest settlers in the County. In 1751 James Brooke was deeded the 392-acre tract (subsequently named the Meeting House Tract) by his father-in-law, Richard Snowden.¹ Brooke left the Meeting House Tract to his daughter, Elizabeth Pleasants, except for the acre he deeded to the Friends for their Meeting House.² Elizabeth's daughter, Deborah Pleasants Stabler and her husband, William Stabler, inherited and moved to the property in 1793.³ They converted an old tobacco barn already standing into a white frame dwelling house. There were five Stabler sons, Thomas Pleasants, Edward, James P., Caleb Bentley, and William Henry. William Stabler, the older, died at age 39, and Deborah went to work teaching school, eventually becoming dean of girls at Fair Hill, the Friends Boarding School. In addition, she was a Quaker minister for 40 years.

In her will Deborah divided the Meeting House tract into 3 parts: these became known as Harewood, Auburn, and Sandy Spring Farm.⁴ Her eldest son, Edward received title to the house and 109.5 acres at Deborah's death, and resided there from 1823-1883, raising 10 children.

In addition to farming, Edward was the Sandy Spring postmaster for 53 years, with the post office located in his home. He was also a writer, gunsmith, inventor, engraver, and founder and first president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County. He introduced the use of Peruvian guano as fertilizer in 1844, which increased his wheat yield from 3 to 25 bushels per acre and improved farming in the entire County as other farmers adopted his principles.

Edward's youngest son, Arthur Stabler, inherited the farm in 1883 and lived there until his death in 1918.⁵

The house was vacant for the next 7 years. Dean G. Acheson bought the estate in 1925 from Stabler heirs.⁶ Acheson (1893-1971) was an attorney who bought Harewood as a summer home and retreat for himself, his artist wife, Alice, and their 3 children. He hired an architect, John Bancroft, to repair and modernize the house. Acheson later left the practice of law to accept presidential appointments as Under Secretary of the Treasury under Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Assistant Secretary of State and Secretary of State under Harry Truman. Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, said Acheson was "the greatest Secretary of State of the 20th century."⁷

Mrs. Acheson sold 20 acres including the house to the current owners in 1977.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(Footnotes on Attachment Sheet A)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hall of Records, Annapolis: D/418.

County Records;

Frederick: Land Records - B/433-435

Montgomery: Land Records - 374/320, 5058/564

Wills - RWC 6/336; VMB 4/473-477; G/157

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Interview with Mrs. Dean Acheson

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

Martha Nesbitt

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

2/79

TELEPHONE

926-4510

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Harewood Farm (Sandy Spring H.D.)

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Frederick County, B/433-34, (1751).
- 2 Ibid., D/418, Hall of Records, Annapolis, (1788).
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- 4 Ibid., VMB 4/373-7, (1845).
- 5 Ibid., RWC 6/336.
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- 7 Kissinger, Henry, A., Remarks by the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger at The Dedication of the Dean Acheson Auditorium and the Loy Henderson International Conference Room. Tuesday October 26, 1976. Department of State, Washington, D.C. (Press release, Department of State, No. 530, October 26, 1976), P. 4 and 5.

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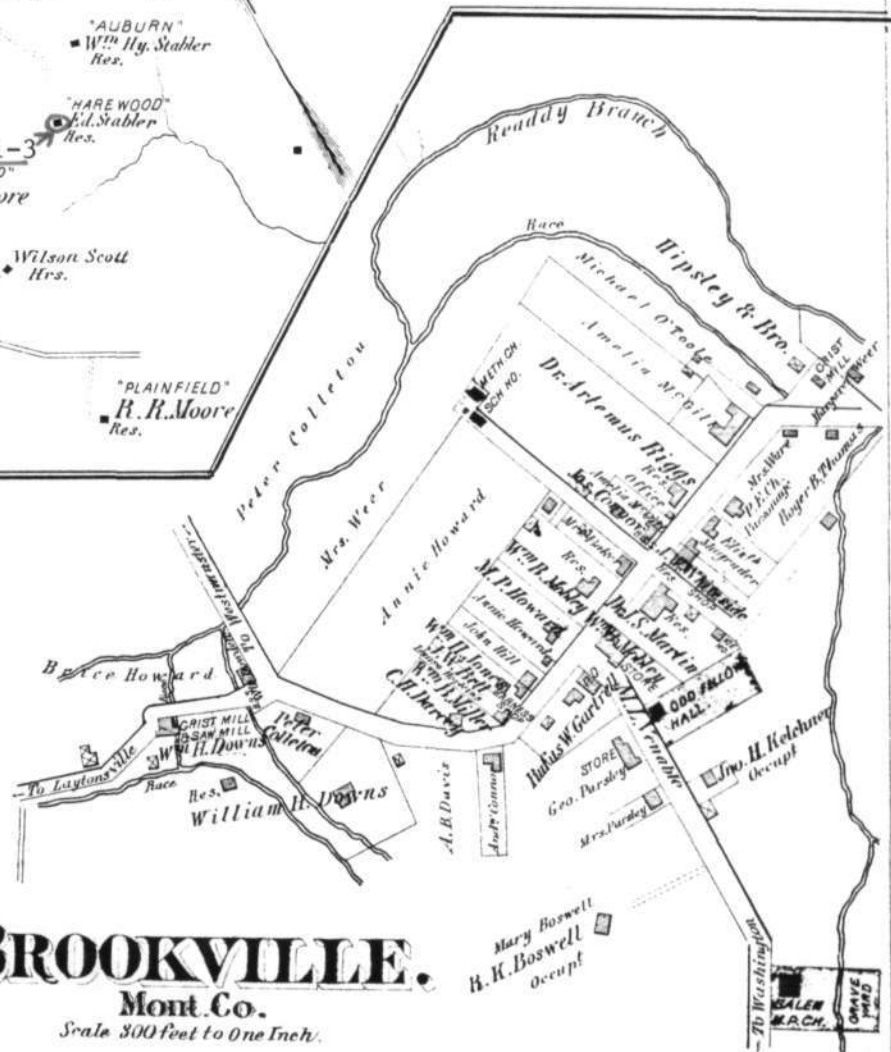
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NAME HAREWOOD

M: 28-11-3
S.S. HIST. DIST.

LOCATION MEETING HOUSE Rd SANDY SPRING, Md

FACADE N

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N:28-11-3

NAME HAREWOOD - EDWL STABLER'S ENGRAVING SHOP
LOCATION MEETING HOUSE Rd SANDY SPRING, Md
FACADE NW
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